

Recycling Committee

Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 5:30 pm via zoom

Members Present

Gary Senecal
Molly Chapman
Rick Leary
Alicia Couture
Lee Bartell
Amy Hackworth

Members Absent

1. Rick presented a Swap Shop update. Just humming along. No problem with number of volunteers. Signage and compliance are good. Two-box limit still in place.
2. Extended Producer Responsibility. Rick has drafted two sample letters (copies attached) to Cyr and Peake from the Select Board with cover letter to Aimee Eckman requesting Eastham's support for passage of an EPR bill in the MA legislature.
3. Alicia is doing the October newsletter on mixed paper.
4. Discussion on getting the newsletter on the town's webpage. Possibly on DPW page? Get Aimee Eckman onboard. There was also a discussion about getting the MA recycling law to residents, possibly through the Chamber. Gary's letter on recycling to the Chamber was good, asking the Chamber to help.
5. A discussion on bi-recycling followed. Communities join together to recycle a single item (i.e., boat shrink material - only two towns on the Cape did this - Bourne and Eastham - amounting to 3 2/1 tons). Dennis did latex paint and got 2,100 gallons. If/when more recycling events occur, Silvio should alert this committee so that we can help with advertising.
6. Gary gave a report on the coalition that was formed by Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Brewster recycling committees to create a flyer targeting business communities to support in transitioning to single-use plastic bottle ban. It can be found on new website easthamrecycles@gmail.com.
7. Water filling stations, when installed in Eastham later, will include a dog dish and will be faucet only, not a drinking fountain. The sites will be included in a Cape-wide map, along with links.
8. A discussion on sustainability, particularly textiles and programs for reuse.
9. A discussion on misinformation on the town's community page.
10. The August 17, 2021, minutes were approved.
11. The next meeting is October 26, 2021, at 5:30. Kari and Aimee will be invited to participate.
12. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Hackworth, Clerk

